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This is in response to your question about "requests for information" we have processed.

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Technically we have had no requests for information or for access to Agency records. I believe we can make a negative response to Mr. [REDACTED]

The Records Administration Branch, SSS has received requests for permission to declassify some OSS records being held by the U. S. Army, DIA, the FDR Library, and the University of Michigan Library, and some Agency documents in the JFK Presidential Library.

In 18 instances the Agency had no objections to declassification or release of the records and in 7 instances the Agency recommended against declassifying the records. Agency coordination was with the Agency Declassification Officer in DDI or the SSU in DDP, and they with Security and CI Staff. Details of the responses are:

a. The University of Michigan Librarian was notified that the document in question was declassified and could be released to researchers.

b. The JFK Librarian was notified the Agency had no objection to release part of the material but that another part consisting of 46 documents should remain classified and be filed in their classified collection.

c. The FDR Librarian was informed that the ten document boxes of General Donovan's letters to President Roosevelt being held in the FDR Library could not be bulk declassified at this time.

d. The DIA Support Officer was notified that the Agency had no continuing interest in the records submitted and their disposition rested with DIA.

e. Of the 20 requests from the U. S. Army, the Adjutant General's Office was notified that the Agency had no objections to declassification and release in 15 instances and recommends against declassification in 5 instances.

Also, the Records Center has received no requests for information or access from non-Agency individuals. Distribution of Agency reports is accomplished by the Center in accordance with directions from the Offices responsible for the reports. Similarly, Records Center references to retired records are granted only as authorized by the Offices that retired the records.

Finally, I believe additional components in the Agency, other than the OGC [REDACTED] may have contributions for this Congressional questionnaire, such as:

Strategic Services Unit, DDP
Central Reference Service, DDI
Historical Intelligence Collection, DDI

I also wonder if Offices like Training, Finance, Logistics and Medical Services might have had requests for information.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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In response to [REDACTED] questions on 30 August the OSS Correspondence files were reviewed. Rita and I found:

Questions concerning OSS Records

Total	Year	Details	Response to Availability
8 in	1971	2 in Aug	No - No
		1 in July	Yes
AGO - 2	3	1 in June	Yes
DIA 1	1	3 in Feb	Yes - No - Yes
UMICH 1	1	1 in Jan	No
FDR 1	1		
6 in	1970	2 in Aug	Yes - Yes
		1 in May	Yes
7 AGO 6	6	3 in April	Yes - Yes - Yes
10 in	1969	-----	8 Yes - 2 No

Total is 24 with 17 Yes and 7 No.

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In response to [REDACTED] Question about "requests for information" both OSS and Presidential Libraries were examined. Also specifics about requestors were asked. We found:

Inquiry	Volume	Declassification or Availability Reply
U. S. Army Adj. Gen.	20 Questions	15 Yes - 5 No
(This includes 2 via NARS Military Records Section which received Yes responses)		
DIA	1 Question	1 Yes
FDR Library	1 Question	1 No
JFK Library	2 Questions	1 Yes - 1 No
Univ. of Michigan	1 Question	1 Yes
Total	25 Questions	18 Yes - 7 No.

The difference between the two responses (25 vs 24) is the addition of a two-part non-OSS inquiry from the JFK Library. Also an in-house O/Finance inquiry about OSS Files was omitted in the [REDACTED] review but was included in the [REDACTED]

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CIA Records Administration Officer

TRANSMITTAL SLIP		DATE
		17 Sept 71
TO: [REDACTED]		
ROOM NO.	BUILDING	
REMARKS:		
<p>Please discuss this with [REDACTED]</p> <p>On Fri I spoke with Mr [REDACTED] about para. 2</p> <p>(15 + 8 do not add to 20)</p> <p>(My report said 15 + 5)</p> <p>[REDACTED] said this was a typo - He said please phone [REDACTED] and ask them to correct the original - Either you or [REDACTED] call them.</p>		
FROM: [REDACTED]		
ROOM NO.	BUILDING	EXTENSION

FORM NO. 241
1 FEB 55REPLACES FORM 36-8
WHICH MAY BE USED.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Support Operations Staff, DDS

SUBJECT : Request for Information or Recommendation


REFERENCE : DD/S 71-3435 dated 2 September 1971,
Subject: As Above

1. In regards to items 1, 2 and 3 of questionnaire. This Staff and the R.A.O. has received no requests direct from the public for access to Agency records under the Freedom of Information Law.

2. As you know, we are asked to concur or comment on release and/or declassification of certain OSS records still in the possession of the Department of Army. In this category we have received 20 requests during the past four years. Of the 20 the Agency action office (DDP/RID) had no objection to declassification in 15 instances and recommended against declassification in 5 instances.

3. In regards to items 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the questionnaire, we suggest that the Agency classification control officer and the the Office of Security be tasked to respond to these items.

4. In response to the final paragraph of questionnaire, attached are two copies of Agency memos on the subject of reference legislation.


Chief, Support Services Staff

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Attachment

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